

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending. Claims 1-2 and 4-9 are rejected. Claims 3 and 10 are objected to. Claims 11-13 have been added. Claims 1-13 remain in the case for reconsideration. Reconsideration is requested. No new subject matter has been added.

Objection to the Specification

The Examiner objected to the specification because the related U.S. application information needed to be added. Appropriate correction is hereby made.

Objections to the Drawings

Appropriate correction to the drawings is submitted with this paper.

Claim Objections

Claims 3 and 10 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 3 and 10 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and therefore, are allowable.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-2 and 4-9 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sassin et al. (US 6,449,260) in view of Glitho et al. (US 6,614,784).

Claim 1 has been amended to further specify providing a transaction capabilities applications part (TCAP) interface to a Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN). This is clearly shown in FIG. 6 and described in the specification at page 8, line 29 – page 9, line 5.

Sassin does not suggest anything related to providing an ITU H.450 interface in a SCP and particularly a H.450 interface to carry AIN messages between the ITU H.323 endpoint and the SCP. ||

There is no suggestion in Sassin of a SCP that has a H.450 interface for providing AIN messages as specified in claim 1. There is also no suggestion of a SCP with a TCAP interface coupled to both a circuit switched network and a H.450 interface coupled to a voice frame network (packet switched network) as specified in claims 1 and 4.

Sassin simply describes how a third party in the packet switched network controls a H.323 endpoint (col. 6, lines 14-19). There is no suggestion of the third party, or any device, providing a SCP that has two interfaces for providing AIN messages to endpoints in both a circuit switched PSTN network and a packet switched IP network as described in claim 1.

Glitho discloses a SCP service node 408 for communicating with a H323 network portion 102. However there is no suggestion in Glitho of utilizing an ITU H.225 FACILITY message and an ITU H.450 application protocol data unit (APDU) to carry one or more of call-related information, operation codes and AIN messages between the ITU H.323 endpoint and the SCP as specified in claim 1. Glitho does not even refer to ITU H.225 FACILITY messages.

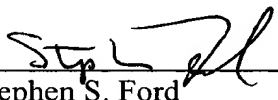
Glitho only discusses using H.450 messages between endpoint entities in the H.323 VoIP portion 102 of the telecommunications network 402. (FIG. 4, col. 7, lines 55-65). Not between the H.323 entity and the SCP node 408 (col. 9, lines 35-37).

There is also no suggestion in Sassin or Glitho of providing an empty ITU H.225 FACILITY message when the AIN supplementary services are not related to an existing ITU H.323 call as specified in claim 2 and 13.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-13 of the application as amended is solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

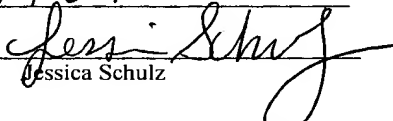
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